

RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING TO SUICIDE RISK



Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk (RRSR) is a best practice training model developed by the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) and designed to address essential skills for clinicians. Recently, a train-the-trainer program was conducted by Toni S. Paul, RND, MEd. She is a Consultant/Examiner/Trainer for AAS. Seven Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) staff completed this training and are now certified to provide RRSR; this includes Urmi Patel, Janet Del Rio, Jae Kim, James Cunningham, Haydeh Fakhrabadi, Linda Boyd and Michael Tredinnick.

RRSR is part of LACDMH's Suicide Prevention Program, and expands the number of best practice trainings that we will now have the internal capacity to offer.

LACDMH has the capacity of offering ASIST – Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, QPR – Question, Persuade & Refer, MHFA – Mental Health First Aid, and now RRSR – Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk. The staff is preparing to offer its first RRSR training in October of this year. For any questions regarding RRSR, please contact Jae Kim.